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Delta sound bites:

1. BDCP: We are very engaged with the State agencies (Jerry Meral at the Natural Resources Agency; Dept of Water Resources) to ensure the federal permitting process for any new Delta conveyance is technically sound and efficient. We appreciate that the State has a very aggressive schedule for this project.

We'll soon sign an MOU with Reclamation, FWS, NOAA-Fisheries, the Corps and DWR to integrate the CWA 404 process into the NEPA and CEQA process for the BDCP - in an attempt to streamline permits for any new Delta conveyance (i.e. peripheral canal).

2. EPA's main interest in the Delta is improving the quality of water and habitat for aquatic life (smelt, salmon and other native fishes). We issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in February 2011 to help us identify the most critical activities for us to undertake. Our conclusions from that exercise will be released later this year.

As we look at options for new Delta conveyance, we will focus on potential impacts to water quality with respect to the amount of brackish habitat that is important to fish, as well as what it does to the transport and accumulation of contaminants.

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